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The above mentioned contract is scheduled to terminate on September 30, 1966; however, our work during the past year has shown that it is desirable and advantageous to postpone the termination date until March 31, 1967. No additional funding would be required since the proposed extension period would be covered by unused funds from the past contract period. We expect that contract costs will amount to approximately between now and the scheduled termination date. This will leave a balance of between to be expended during the proposed

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extension period.

The considerations which led us to make this request are as follows:

The initial work was primarily theoretical in nature, and thereby, direct expenditures other than salaries and overhead were small. We have done a very thorough job of constructing instrumentation equipment which is highly automated and will require less manpower to operate. Subsequent equipment and laboratory apparatus were built and acquired with these capital expenditures being borne by Corning Glass Works and not charged to the contract cost. We are now in a very good position to use this equipment for the investigative work. In measuring the various samples of promising materials, we consider this equipment which includes the goniophotometer and the modulation transfer function analyzer, to be outstanding in design and utility for the task at hand.

We feel that it would be most unfortunate if termination of the contract would preclude the full utilization of this equipment in the planned comprehesive materials investigation program.

Up to this point we have worked with a reduction of manpower by using less people than we originally proposed which has been perfectly adequate for continuing the project considering the availability of materials and the highly automated instrumentation work. Due to the changed nature of the work, we are now in a position to use the full-time services of 1½ scientists and a technician until the termination of the proposed contract extension.

The work will include the following investigations:

- a. Glass-ceramics, volume scattering materials of optimized particle sizes, volume densities and relative refractive indices.
- b. Translucent alumina (spinel glass-ceramics) as volume scattering materials.
- c. Fotoform materials, thin-layer scatterers and formation of textured surfaces.
- d. Using Corning Glass Works techniques to form textured surfaces in order to improve the viewing properties of volume scattering materials.
- e. Investigation of some novel approaches of materials.
- f. Measurements and comparison of competitive rear view screen materials.

In addition, the allocation of manpower and funds for the proposed extension would be as follows:

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